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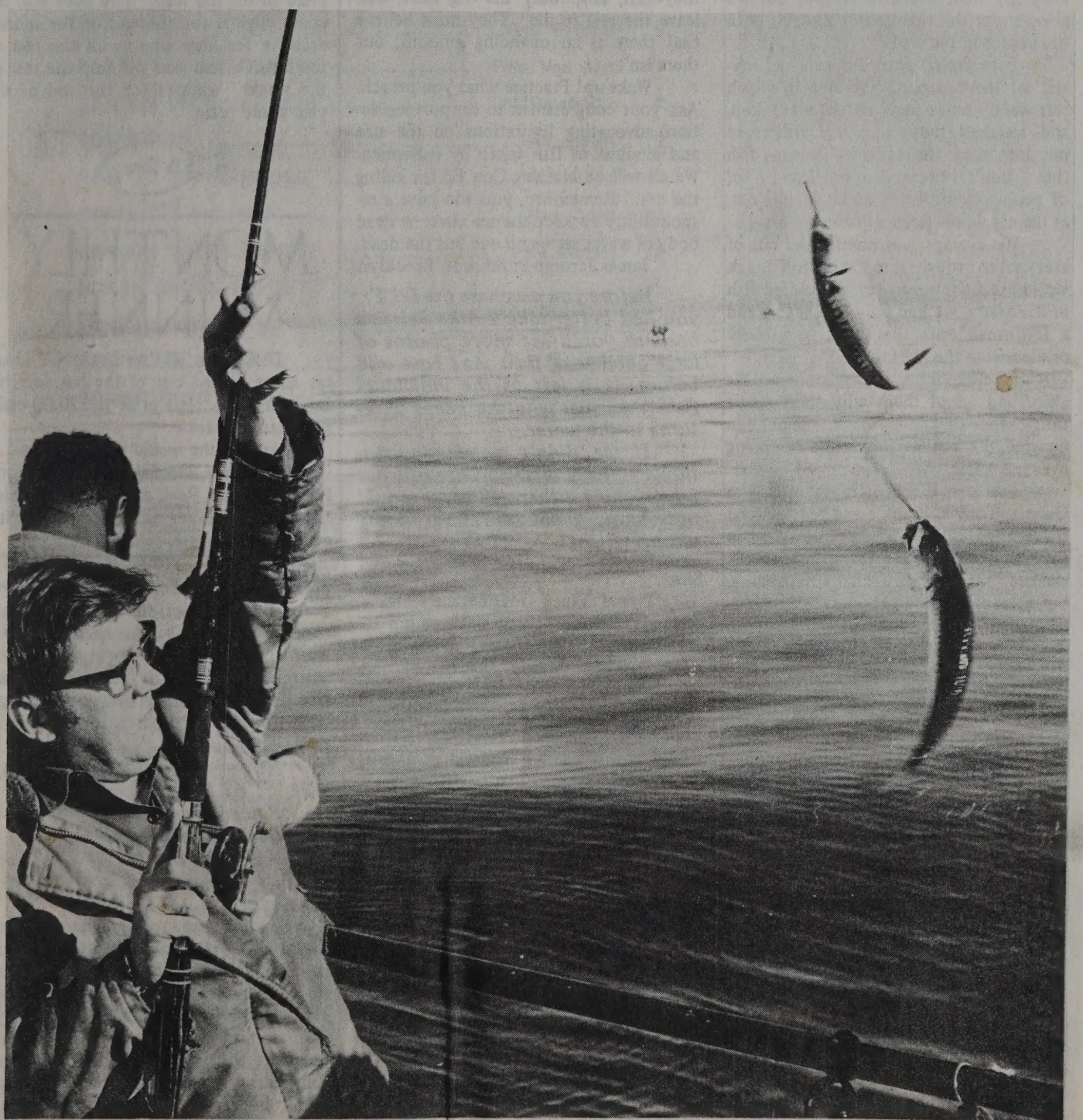

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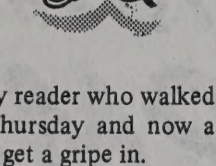


Mr. Reina,

As first a steady reader who walked to the store every Thursday and now a subscriber, I'd like to get a gripe in.

This week three of us who work for Brentwood Schools and fish together for spring flounders in December, and everything in between, went to Hampton Bays for our first trip of the season. I keep my boat there in season, but we always rent the first five or six trips until the boat is in the water.

Tom Optiz, Jim Simpson and myself sat there, around the area in which this week's front page picture was taken, and watched these so called fishermen put into their fishing sacks or cans fish that I don't believe you and I and a lot of people would bring home for the cat, as the cat would need a dozen for lunch.

My average was one keeper out of every seven brought into the boat. Though we had caught well over a hundred fish in 2½ hours, we had only 32 keepers and a few small ones that were hurt badly or died from the hooks.

I yelled to one boat not too far away and asked them why they didn't throw the tiny ones back. You can imagine the replies that came bouncing over the water.

I've seen the boat livery men, like Oscar's, Tony's, Frank's and Marine Rest shake their heads and walk away when they saw the size of fish some people cleaned. They realize what's happening, but what can they do about it?

We complain about netters, Russians, etc., but the people it affects most, the fishermen, do as much damage to the natural resources as anyone else does.

How can we make these people realize what's going on?

We know you keep up a continuous fight against things like this. Try to educate them Rich. Maybe Ray Adell can stress it on his program too.

Thank you,
Jim C. Cirella

Dear Sir:

I purchase your paper; it has a great tide schedule. Sometimes I even read it. I am made sick to my stomach by the way that you condone overkill and slaughter of wildlife in the seas.

I am a SCUBA diver, and when I read things like four men taking a total of one hundred seventy five blackfish, I'm very pleased that the men are not divers.

Seriously, your paper complains about pollution, but it not only condones; it encourages overkill.

I believe that your paper gives the impression to non-fishermen, that fishermen are anything but true lovers of the sea.

It's alright to condemn the commercial fishermen, but first take a look at yourself.

Sport fishermen often accuse me of being the reason why the fish aren't biting, while every year I see them leave many small fish on the beach to die. They are so greedy, they catch all that they can, keep only the big ones, and leave the rest to die. They must believe that there is an unending amount, but there isn't

Wake up! Practice what you preach. Ask your congressman to support legislation advocating limitations on the size and amount of fish taken by fishermen. We all will be blaming Con Ed for killing the sea. Remember, you too have a responsibility to keep the sea alive. A dead body of water serves no one but the dead.

James Jerome Burkhardt, Brooklyn

Before you purchase the L.I.F., you had better take 2 Alka Seltzers because you'll see more photos of large catches of fish. As I have said before, it is left to the individual fisherman just what he keeps or returns to the water.

If we didn't make conservationists like yourself aware of what is happening, fishermen per se would not know what they are doing wrong. Right?

Sirs,

I read Vince Guaglianone's article "Strictly Casting" every week. I am 12 and have been surf fishing about three years. In the article, 'Springtime and Tackle Tips at Cedar Beach," there was one term I did not understand that was used twice - A Clam Chowder Surf - Could you please tell me what it means.

John Yashinowsky, Levittown

Sometimes in early spring or late fall when the sea is stormy, or when the tide is very strong, there are a lot of clams in the surf. All these broken up clams and whole clams remind us of " chowder": as though someone had cooked up a bowl of clam chowder, So we call the surf at these times, "a clam chowder surf."

It doesn't last long, maybe two days at most. But during that time the fishes smell all those clams in the water, and so the fishes nose in to eat the clams. They come in close at these times, and there are a lot of fish that can be caught on worms or clam in the spring, or on metal lures in the spring, and on swimming plugs or plastic eels in the fall. It's one of the good things to look for if you want to catch fish in the waves.

Hope you catch a lot in any surf.

Sincerely,
Vince Guaglianone
Associate Editor

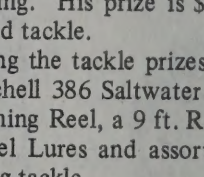
Gentlemen:

I recently read with great enthusiasm the articles you published concerning Bayville. Last weekend I went out there to scout the spots mentioned. I found West Harbor and Rocky Point easily, They looked good so yesterday I went out there to try my luck. The tides were bad and so was the wind, but that really didn't bother me, just getting out and fishing was enough for me. —(Page 5)→

FISH OF THE WEEK

Stephen Skurka, of Elmhurst, the winner for the first weekly conte in May. Once again, a flounder took to honors. The prize winning flattie weig ed 5 lbs. 2 ozs. It was caught off Bloc Island aboard the "Hel-Cat." This 5 lb 2 oz. flounder not only won the conte but now leads as the largest flounder re corded so far this year.

Congratulations, Stephen, your $12 prize in on the way. You have also be come eligible for the end of the montl drawing for May along with the rest o the entries, and you will join the rest o the weekly winners for the end of th year grand prize.



MONTHLY WINNER

Dick Ryan, of Riverhead, N.Y., had his name picked out of the hat for the April drawing. His prize is $50.00 cash plus assorted tackle.

Among the tackle prizes we have a Garcia Mitchell 386 Saltwater Corrosion-Proof Spinning Reel, a 9 ft. Rod, Tri-Fin Lures, Rebel Lures and assorted trolling and spinning tackle.

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Our front page photo is a typical scene taking place on just about every boat sailing for mackerel from every port on Long Island. These tiny torpedoes have invaded the South shore and are being caught by the sackful in Peconics and the Long Island Sound. Diamond jigs and multi-colored tubes are all the bait a fisherman needs. Photo courtesy of Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Angler II" out of Point Lookout.

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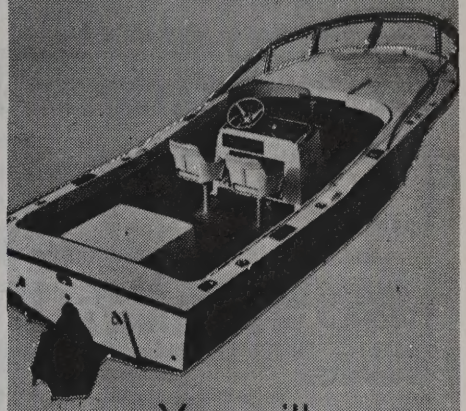

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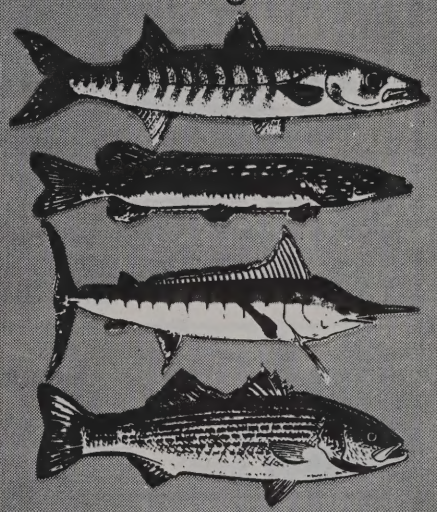

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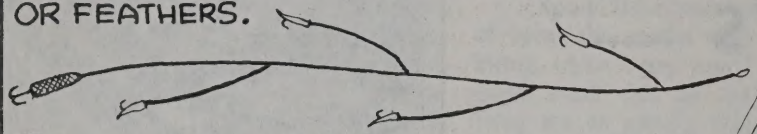
MACKEREL - FISH & BAIT

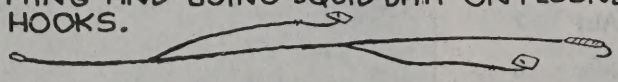
BY FRED GUARDINEER

A JOLTING STRIKE AND BREAKNECK RUN

FEATURES THE TORPEDO SHAPED TWO-POUND MACKEREL'S ARRIVAL IN MAY. LURED BY BUNKER CHUM, THEY HIT A VARIETY OF DIAMOND JIGS AND HOPKINS LURES ATTACHED TO A LEADER FESTOONED WITH SHORT PIECES OF TUBING OR FEATHERS.



THEY BECAME A "GAME FISH" AROUND WORLD WAR II AND WERE CAUGHT CHUMMING AND USING SQUID BAIT ON FLOUNDER HOOKS.



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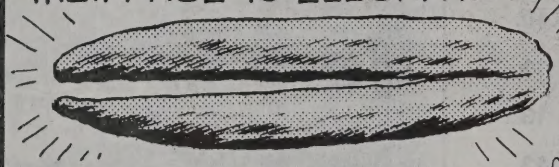
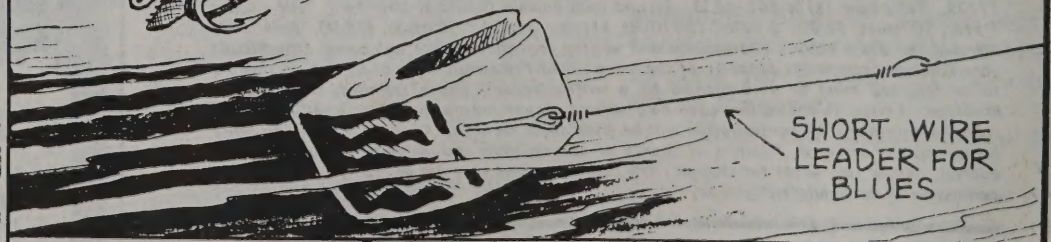


MARKET FISHERMEN ON OPEN BOATS USED TO FISH WITH A STIFF THICK BAMBOO POLE AND LOAD CLAM BAGS WITH THEIR FISH.

BLUEFISH AND OTHER PREDATORS FOLLOW THE MACKEREL SCHOOLS OUT ON THE OPEN SEA...

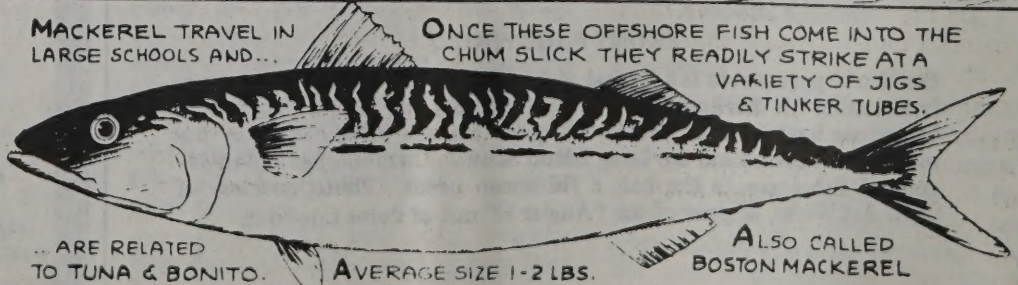
SMART OFFSHORE FISHERMEN FREEZE THEIR MACKEREL CATCH FOR FUTURE SHARK BAIT. MACKS MAKE A GOOD GROUND UP CHUM AND CUT INTO PIECES ARE EXCELLENT BAIT FOR BLUEFISH AND STRIPED BASS.



SHORT WIRE LEADER FOR BLUES

MACKEREL TRAVEL IN LARGE SCHOOLS AND...

ONCE THESE OFFSHORE FISH COME INTO THE CHUM SLICK THEY READILY STRIKE AT A VARIETY OF JIGS & TINKER TUBES.



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THE COMMON MACKEREL, UNLIKE MOST FISH, HAS NO AIR BLADDER TO GIVE HIM BUOYANCY AND HE MUST SWIM FOREVER, OR DIE. FUN TO CATCH AND GOOD EATING

CHUM LINES

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I arrived before dark and was informed by a security guard that I could fish on either side (Centre Island Beach or across the street), but I could not go past the white signs declaring 'private property,' from that point to, probably, Connecticut. I also discovered a similar sign across the street. Not to mention that in the cove there is a bulkhead with a channel so you cannot get to the southern shore, or maybe I just didn't try hard enough.

How do you get past these signs? Do you just ignore them, as I have done before?

How can people own the water? If they have those big fences up, why do they need to keep fishermen from the shore?

Thank you and keep printing articles like these.

Robert A. Koch, Bayside

Thanks for the encouragement of your letter.

On the shore of the Sound at Centre Island, you can carefully wade from those boulders that you see, eastward to Rocky Point. Wading is the only way to get past the sign, that I know of.

You can get the 'southern shore' of West Harbor across the street, by walking round to the left - around the little cove.

Even before that fence at West Harbor was erected, I never tried to cross the channel (boat slip) to the rest of the southern shore. The fish, and some big ones, come right into the piece of shore that you can simply walk to - until you reach that fence.

As for "owning the water": the Coast Guard states that below the high water mark is federal property. People erect fences to maintain seclusion. I guess many of we shore fishermen are partly responsible - for the littering and the horsing around and the noise that some of us are prone to.

There is a bigger picture though. Private property is not so much a problem as the encroachment on tidal lands of industry and business in general. So nowadays we are hard put to find a 'wild' fishing shore.

But if West Harbor, for example, were not so sealed by private property, it would likely become a boat-marina or something - and then we couldn't fish it at all!

Tight lines,
Vince Guaglianone
Associate Editor

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Dear Sirs:

I have just become a subscriber to L.I.F. and would like to request, suggest, and advise the following:

1. It has been my observation that corn is indeed a good flounder chum. The canned variety is rather expensive, but is digestible. It is relatively soft compared to other marine matter found in the digestive tract. It will break down under the digestive juices produced by the fish. If on the other hand the fisherman chooses to use dried corn (or crushed corn) available in feed and grain stores, then there might be a problem. In an effort to soften the dried corn, I usually soak it in warm salt water. This I pick up from the heat exchange unit of my inboard. Thus, with the corn softened, choking is reduced.

Art Greenspan, Bellmore

Dear Sir:

Remember the letter I wrote to you about the American Sportsman and that show with George Kirby and blue-fishing in Long Island Sound? You said you wrote to the American Broadcasting Co., but got no answer, and you suggested that I try. Well I did, and I got an answer after a short wait of about two months. Enclosed is the answer.

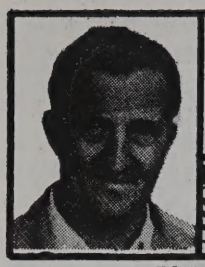
H. David Kallmann, New York

Dear Mr. Kallman:

In response to your question, the Blue Fish segment of The American Sportsman was cancelled simply because we were allotted less air time during the 1972 season than we originally anticipated. As a result this show and two other repeats were taken out in favor of newer programs, never before aired. Programming, rather than the quality of the segment, dictated this measure. Although impossible to say right now, it is possible it will be aired sometime in the future.

Thank you for your interest in our series.

Yours truly,
Ralph Soukis



FISHING

by VLAD EVANOFF

BLACKFISH

ONE THING I LIKE about Blackfish is that they are a "stay-put" fish instead of a "wandering" or "migrating" fish like many salt-water species. Of course, blackfish do move around, especially during the spring and fall migrations. Right now, for example, they move in closer to shore into the inlets. bays, along rocky shores and over offshore wrecks, mussel beds and oyster beds. In fact, the best time to fish for them inshore is in the spring and fall. Then in the late fall, they return to deeper water and spend the winter months there.

But once the blackfish have moved into a certain spot, they usually hang around for weeks, or even months, feeding and not moving too far from a favorite area. That's the biggest secret in blackfishing. Find a spot they like and you'll often catch several fish there. And they often crowd into a small area. Being right over that spot or casting into it is important when going after blackfish. Even a few feet can make a difference.

Another nice thing about blackfishing is that you usually don't have to buy special fishing tackle for them. You can use many kinds of rod and reel combinations. Spinning rods with light lines can be used in open waters when blackfish are feeding over mussel or oyster beds or pebble bottoms, in fairly shallow water. Heavier bya or boat rods are better when fishing in deeper waters or around rocks or piles. The heaviest rods and stronger lines may be needed when fishing offshore wrecks or deep waters or very rocky areas for big blackfish in deep water and strong currents.

Most blackfish anglers use Virginia or blackfish type hooks. I've also used Eagle Claw hooks with great success. Small sizes such as No. 6 or 7 or 1/0 or 2/0 are used for small fish, while the No. 3, 4, or 3/0 or 4/0 hooks are used for bigger fish.

A typical blackfish rig consists of one or two hooks tied just above the sinker. A three-way swivel or spreader can be used on the main fishing line to hold the hook and keep it from fouling. The best sinkers are the round or bank type since they don't get hung up as often as other types. A 3 or 4 ounce sinker can be used in shallow water and with light tackle but in deeper water and strong currents and tides you may need up to 12 or 14 ounces.

The two baits used most often for blackfish are fiddler crabs and green crabs. Fiddlers are hooked by removing the big claw and inserting the hook into the hole. Another way to hook a fiddler is by running the hook from the underside of the crab through the body and out of the back. Whole, small green crabs can be hooked the same way through the body. Larger ones can be cut in half or quarters. Other baits which can be used for blackfish include hermit crabs, other small crabs, sand bugs, sandworms and clams.

It is important to put any bait you use on the hook carefully and as securely as possible. Blackfish are very clever at stealing the bait off your hook without getting caught. There have been many cases where anglers have been cleaned out of bait while blackfishing with few or any fish to show for their day's effort.

When boat fishing inshore for blackfish, look for them in bays and inlets, very rocky bottoms, oyster beds, around pier and bridge piles and supports and other areas where mussels, shellfish or crabs are plentiful. Along the ocean or beaches or shore, fish close to the jetties, breakwaters and rocky bottoms.

In rocky areas such as Montauk and many spots along the north shore of Long Island, you can catch blackfish from shore or the surf. Various reefs, ledges, rocky points and mussel beds will attract them. The deeper holes and drop-offs are the spots to fish. Try reeling your rig slowly until it drops off into a hole. Or cast your rig into such a deep-water spot if you can see one. Usually the water is darker green or blue above such a hole. You may have to try several spots before you find one which produces.

The ends and sides of jetties or breakwaters are good for blackfish. They come to feed on the crabs that hide in the rocks and you can lower your rig into a hole between the granite blocks or just cast a short distance out so your rig sinks alongside the rocks. The closer you fish to a jetty or breakwater, the better.

Many blackfish are also caught offshore over rocky obttoms, clam beds and wrecks. Here, unless you can find such a spot yourself, you're better off to fish with a party boat captain who can take you out and anchor you over the best spots. Many big blacks are taken in these waters.

But no matter where you fish for blackfish, you have to acquire a certain knack to hook these fish. Some fishermen never seem to master it and prefer to go after other fish. A blackfish usually pecks at a bait, then finally mouths it and passes it on to his back teeth or crushers. If he feels a hook or the pull on the line or the weight of the sinker, he is apt to become suspicious and spit the bait out.

Too many impatient anglers tend to try to set the hook when they feel the first nibble. This will usually fail to hook the fish. The correct procedure is to wait until you feel a good solid tug or pull. Then you raise the rod tip and set the hook in the tough, rubbery lips of the blackfish.

Once a blackfish is hooked, he is rarely lost by the hook pulling out of his mouth. But many fish are lost when they tangle or cut the line on mussels, barnacles or rocks. A hooked blackfish has one thing on its mind - - to run under a rock, or ledge, or into a crevice or wreck where it can foul or cut your line. So it's a good idea in such spots to set the hook and hold him until he moves away or up from the obstruction.

But even so many rigs and blackfish will be lost despite your best efforts. So take along plenty of spare rigs, hooks and sinkers when you go after these fish. Most of the blackfish you catch will run from about a pound to 7 or 8 pounds. Occasionally you may catch a few over 10 pounds. They grow to 20 pounds or a bit more but these are rare, record fish.

Blackfish make fine eating if you first skin them. Then they can be baked or broiled. Blackfish also make a good fish chowder. But most fishermen don't go after them just for food. Blackfish are crafty fish and catching them is a challenge and good sport.

Part Time Guardians

By PETE VAN ALST

You're in TROUBLE. You've been trolling for blues on Long Island Sound and somehow your inboard cruiser has picked up one of those ever-present, waterlogged lobster-pot lines which has become tightly wound around your propeller and shaft, stopping your engine.

It's deep water out here. Your regular fifty foot anchor line is fine for inshore use, but it won't help now. The normal late afternoon breeze is starting to pick up, drifting you eastward. Most other boats have left for home. Your wife starts to worry a little and the kids ask all kinds of questions. No - - you're not in danger. but you're in trouble.

Swallowing your pride, since you've never had to call for help before in all these years you've owned a boat, you set your marine F.M. radio to channel 16, the distress frequency, tell the kids to be quiet, and squeeze the push-to-talk button on the mike: "Coast Guard Eatons Neck - this is the yacht Daisey, come in please."

After a few seconds with your fingers crossed, a calm voice replies: "Yacht Daisey - this is Eatons Neck Coast Guard." You begin to feel more confident, you outline your problem to the calm voice, which then asks you to switch to channel 12, having determined that you are in no immediate danger.

Over on the new frequency, the voice asks a seemingly endless list of questions such as your approximate position, landmarks you can see, length and type of your boat, color of hull, color of topsides, number of persons on board, registration number and etc.

This annoys you a little until you realize that this information must be required on some form and that it will help make your boat more identifiable to whoever comes looking for you. When the questioning is complete, the voice asks you to fly a light colored rag, towel or something from the highest point on your boat, and switch back to channel 16 and stand by for contact with a patrol boat which he says will reach your given position in about 25 minutes. You thank him and switch back to 16, then go hang up your undershirt.

About 20 minutes later you spot a sportsfishing cruiser not unlike your own, heading directly towards you. As she comes alongside, you notice a "Patrol" sign and a flag with the Coast Guard Emblem. She appears to be manned by four Coast Guard officers in caps and suntan uniforms, several with collar bars. This looks like no Coast Guard Rescue outfit you've ever seen, but you're not about to mention it now!

Fenders deployed, one of the men boards your boat, bringing a tow line and a clip-board. He asks more questions, fills out an assist form with the names and addresses of all persons on board, and asks you where you would like to be towed. His patrol boat then requests permission from Eatons Neck to tow you to your marina as requested. Permission granted - - he makes the tow line fast to your forward bitt, sets your rudder amidships, reassures your wife and returns to his patrol boat which picks up the slack and heads you for home.

While being towed you consider several possible explanations for this unorthodox but effective rescue, but none of them seem to fit. You don't get to ask your rescuers either because as soon as you drop their line at your marina, they roar off on another call.

Since you are a curious type and since you want to say "thank you," you visit the Eatons Neck Station several days later and meet Chief Warrent Officer Dalton Shepard, Commander of Eatons Neck Station, who surprises you with the information that you were assisted by the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, not the regular Coast Guard. The radio voice you spoke to was one of the two C.G. Auxiliarists standing radio watch each Saturday, Sunday and Holiday during the boating season.

The four men were Auxialiarists operating a privately owned boat under "official orders" which means that the Coast Guard pays for fuel expended and accepts legal responsibility for the actions of these men while on "orders."

The Coast Guard has insufficient money, men and equipment to fulfill its mission of boating safety for the public, and must lean heavily upon the Auxiliary for assistance.

Along both shores of Long Island Sound, in four Divisions and dozens of Flotillas, Auxiliary boats known as "facilities" are undergoing special inspections to qualify for the coveted "Operational Pennant" - - which means that the facility can be given official orders for the 1972 Season. Special training is being given crew members in radio procedure, towing techniques, fire fighting, search patterns, and the use of gasoline powered dewatering pumps.

Patrol, radio duty and rescue work are known in the Coast Guard Auxiliary as "Operations" and as impressive as this duty appears, it is only one-third of the overall auxiliary mission, the other two areas being known as "Public Education" and "Courtesy Examination."

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"Tarpon On The Flats"

—Al Reinfelder—

FLORIDA BAY, known to Keys anglers as the "back country," and to Flamingo fishermen as "out front," encompasses a vast watery wilderness, most of which is under the protective mantel of the National Park system. Everglades Park is named after the river which flows imperceptibly through a wide plain of sawgrass from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico, but it includes the hundreds of mangrove islands, grassy flats, shallow banks, "lakes," pot holes, and cuts which lie in a triangle formed by Cape Sable, the Middle Keys, and Key Largo - in other words: Florida Bay.

The bay water is exquisitly beautiful. It shifts constantly under the influence of the sun and clouds; the wind and bottom; and the clarity of the sea. Like a horizontal rainbow of blue, green and aqua marine the bay stretches among dark keys which seem to float on the ribbons of color.

When the silty back country marl is disturbed by foraging rays or sharks, a puff of mud rises to the surface, only to spread and dissipate a short while later. Sometimes acres of water cloud up as a result of mullet schools which root around in their peculiar vegetarian way. The resulting "muds" produce fine feeding conditions for trout and redfish, but to the boatman skimming over the shallows, these murly pastures hide the water depth and obscure the waves.

Glenn Voparil was the stick of his fourteen foot Starcraft as we arrowed our way north from Channel 2 Bridge, Lower Matecumbe Key. We had just crossed a mud so dense, its powdery silt killed the reflective quality of the surface and we could no longer judge the character of the choppy waves with any degree of accuracy. We seemed to be riding over a turquoise cloud, full of rough spots.

Then it cleared, and we could see the grass-matted sandy bottom slide by under the bow.

Pontoon Bank rose up before us, but we were able to skid easily over the tide flooded bar. A brown shark whirled away to our right and several gars propelled themselves across the water like small ocean racers. It was here where just yesterday Peter the Hungry had tangled with giant Jack Crevalle, only one of which - a mere fifteen pounder- he had been able to land. The others had literally torn the hooks and spit rings from his Swagger Stick plug.

Across the flat lay a "lake" - or deep bay. The next shallowing was Nine-Mile Bank where Glenn and I planned to fish. We cut the motor some distance from the edge and poled up to the shoal. Two or three rays floated through the thin skin of liquid on the flat. Small barracuda chased bait along the edges of a blue sand hole. Then - in the surprising way shallow water fish have of appearing out of nowhere - a shark crusied by off the port bow.

"Cast to him," Glenn encouraged.

I threw a half ounce bait tail ahead of the fish and twitched the lure once, not really expecting him to take it. But he did take it.

For a moment he lay there and threw his head from side to side, raising a thin mist of marl. Then he bolted. His first run melted twelve pound mono from my 5000 so fast that half the line was gone before Glenn could get the pole ready. But it was no use. He ran again, thrashed wildly a hundred yards away and bit through the hundred pound mono leader.

Glenn set the pole down and we continued to drift along the edge of Nine Mile Bank. And that is when Glenn and I saw the two largest tarpon either of us had ever seen - before or since. The pair were dark-backed monsters in the six foot plus range and they came in from the left dragging heavy swirling wakes behind protruding dorsals and tails.

The path they were on would not being them close enough for a good cast. Glenn poled ahead - gently, but swiftly. Yet the big fish were moving too fast for us to get into position in time. I cast a plastic worm as far as I could, but it fell short of its mark - which was ahead and beyond the first fish. Nevertheless, the second fish turned toward the day-glo red lure. The first fish followed and turned also. Glenn cast his lure to this fish, but the shadow of the feathery plug fell across the huge fish's face and he spooked.

The two hundred-and-fifty-pound plus fish gave powerful lashed of their shovel-sized tails and literally planed across the bank to deeper water. They moved so hard and so fast it looked as if they were followed by a gully of dry land when they left. It was awesome.

It was now my turn to pole, and I pushed along the edge of the bank until we came to a point. Here we drove the thin end of the push pole into the mud and tied up to wait for passing fish. In local parlance, we were "staked out."

Tarpon are apt to be found anywhere among the lakes and many guides with years of experience behind them, and with a good sixth sense, prospect for the fish in deep water. However, this is likely to be an impossible task for the novice. Yankee pilgrims, like ourselves, do well to work bank edges and points because tarpon tend to cruise by these structures in search of bait. It is likepass shooting for geese.

At the stake-out we stood as high as we could in the fourteen footer (I used a giant Vlchek Adventurer tackle box to gain additional height in the stern) and watched for the fish. We watched for five hours - and we saw many fish.

They came by in two's, three's and half dozens. Some passed beyond our reach - rolling and swirling on the surface, while others cruised under the bow right over the bottom.

For five hours we watched as every effort of ours failed to hook a fish Many tarpon were spotted too late to cast to. Others spooked at out slightest motions. Some flatly rejected our lures. It was five hours of pure frustration.

Flat's tarpon, the daytime cruisers, proved to be as spooky, arrogant, and fussy as they were large, powerful and beautiful. For two days we went through the agonies of not catching big tarpon in the daytime.

And then we fished at night. The difference in the fishing was as dramatic as the difference between the night and day.

Next Week: "TARPON AT THE BRIDGES."

COMPASSES

by JENS JACOBS

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEM

A lot has been said and written about compasses over the years; partly excellent, and partly sheer nonsense, with some manufacturers adding to the confusion by making rather bold statements about their products. This left many boatowners with second best equipment, and possibly a false sense of security.

Now, what should the boatowner know about compasses before buying or using one?

1) Buy the best you can possibly afford in proportion to the boat in question. What I mean by this is obvious; a compass for an ocean going ship does not belong on a little outboard skiff, even if you could afford it.

2) Whether the compass is on a new or used boat (as part of your purchase), or bought somewhere else, your first reaction should be: DON'T TRUST IT. Yes, that's right fellows, don't trust that compass, no matter what the salesman or former owner tells you.

The only exception would be if the compass was adjusted recently by a competent professional compass adjustor, no electronic gear or anything else that could in any way upset the adjustment was removed or installed since the last adjustment, and you have a detailed deviation table.

3) Unless you are proficient in adjusting a compass, have the equipment to do it with, and can prepare an accurate deviation table, don't make an attempt, not let the helping hands of your friend tinker with your compass, unless of course he has the qualifications to do so.

Remember: A false sense of security is a real danger, and each year lures many boats on the rocks, not to mention the untold hours of additional running time because of the wrong course steered, plus hours upon hours of needless searching by the Coast Guard for a boatman in trouble who has given them unreliable information in regards to direction.

By now some of you guys may be scared to go further than your docking line is long. Others are convinced that I am the one that is talking all that nonsense and am a little nuts.

If you belong to the first group, my advice to you is to get a long docking line. If you belong to the second group, I can only agree with you. I am a little nuts; some of it is about fishing, and the rest is about safety in navigation.

For the benefit of those who like to read on and stay in the game (fishing and boating, that is), I'd like to offer a few hints in what to look for when:

a) you have an old or used compass
b) buying a new compass
c) checking over the installation of a compass
d) care and maintenance

With literally thousands of boats going back into operation this spring, let us consider old and used compasses first. If your compass is in the following condition, you should give it prompt attention.

1) Missing fluid
2) Discoloration of the fluid
3) Sticky card and gimbals
4) Any other physical abuse it may have received which resulted in broken parts, including fine cracks, whether they leak or not

Missing fluid is so obvious, and needs no further explanation. That leak must be corrected and the fluid replaced.

The familiar discoloration of the fluid is an indication that the compass has seen a few years of service, and you should begin to question its reliability.

First of all, the card gets to be difficult to read, and secondly, in most cases, the card will tend to be sluggish.

This is caused partly by a tar-like deposit of the fluid which is covering all internal surfaces of the compass, including the pivot and jewel assembly.

Furthermore, with an old compass, it is more than likely that the pivot and jewel assembly shows considerable wear, resulting in a sluggish and sticky card.

How can I detect such a deficiency, you ask?

Place the compass on a stable platform (not aboard the boat). Note the heading on the lubberline. Deflect the card with a small magnet or screwdriver and remove the magnetic field 4 ft. or more and observe whether the card swings back to the original heading. Repeat this several times to each side of the lubberline, and if the card comes to rest at different headings (other than the one you set it on to begin with), you can't really trust that compass any more, no matter how good it was in the past.

Any other damage should be apparent, but whatever it may be, it should be corrected as soon as possible.

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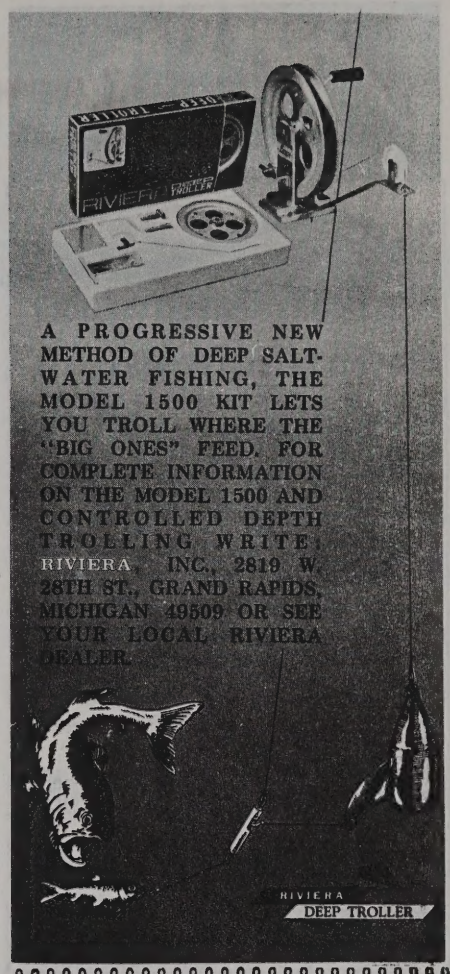
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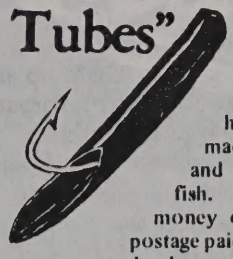

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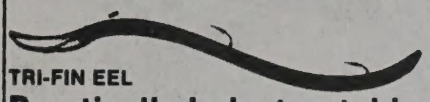

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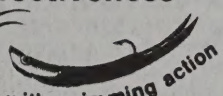
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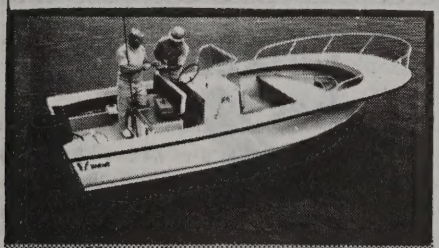

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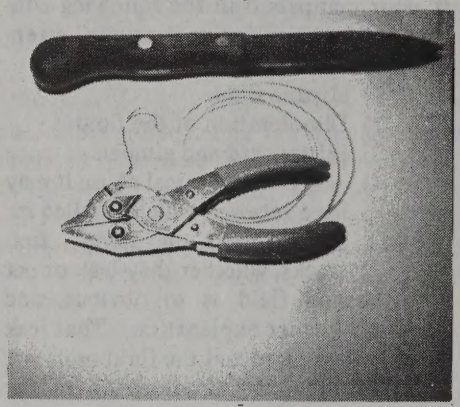
How To Snell Hooks

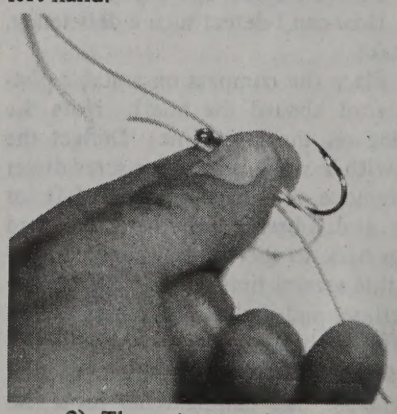
by STU MILLER

Few hunters are able to, or care to, load the ammo they take afield. The fisherman, however, can quite simply and enjoyably and cheaply snell his own hooks. Home made rigs are as good as, or better than store bought. This saves money and adds still another dimension and involvement in our sport. The following can be used on any size hook with any pattern, from a flounder hook to the largest bass or codfish hook.

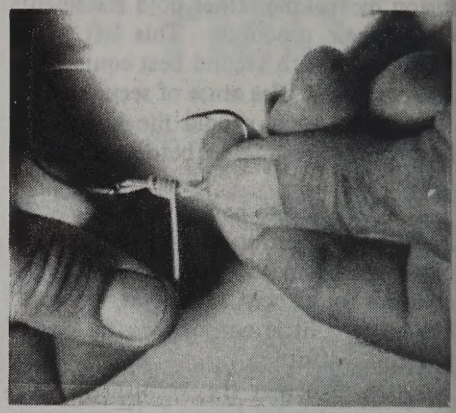
The process is quick and easy, once you get the hang of it. The materials needed are: a box of hooks, a package of leader material, pliers and a knife.



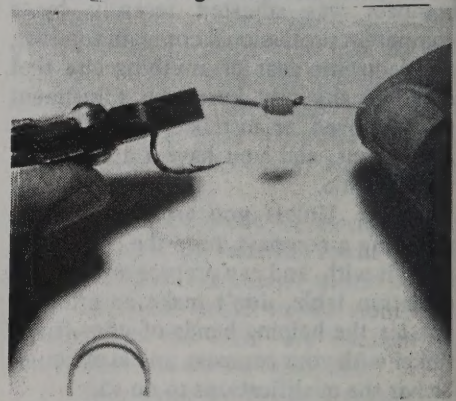
1) Cut a piece of leader material to the desired length, allowing an extra 2" for a knot, loop and waste. Hold the hook in your left hand, between the thumb and forefinger. Lay an end of the leader onto the shank about ¾'s of an inch and a): allow leader to loop down and around. b): bring other end of leader up and lay on shank also, however, this end will be pointing in the opposite direction. Let the second end stick over the eye about an inch. c): hold all in place, using thumb and forefinger of your left hand.



2) The going is a little tight in the next two steps, so take your time and do it slow and carefully. While still maintaining that grip with thumb and forefinger of your left hand, be prepared to wriggle them down a bit toward the bend to make room for what comes next. At 1½ inches from the eye, grab the looped leader between your right thumb and forefinger and take five (5) very tight, close turns around the shaft, very close together, working from the eye end towards the bend of the hook.

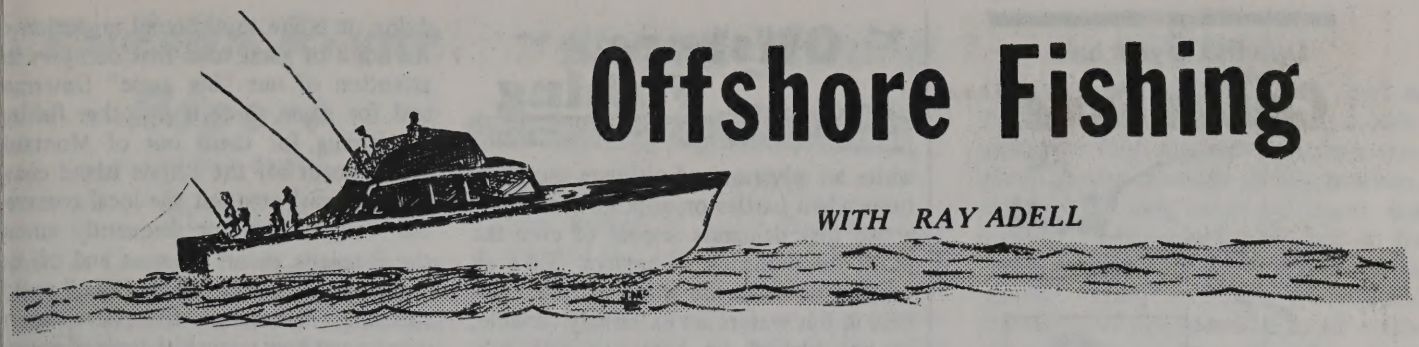


3) Now, grab all this with the right thumb and forefinger and with the left hand pull end with fingers or pliers smoothly away from the eye. Some, at this point, like to run the end through the eye, claiming there is less chance of the hook turning inside the snell knot.



Experiment . . . See which you prefer. So, miraculously the snelled hook now appears before your eyes. Snug it up carefully and tightly. Grab the shank with pliers and with other hand, pull leader. I advise using the pliers, because if you use your hand, and the eye and knot slip through your grasp, you're sure to get the point. (Get the point?) Trim end. Finally, make a firmly knotted loop in the free end to which you can attach snap, 3-way or snap-swivel. Use pliers to tighten this knot too. Trim end. That's it. You've snelled a hook.

You can vary your rigs any way you wish, and this snelling of your own hooks is the foundation upon which you can create and build your own individual rigs.



Offshore Fishing

WITH RAY ADELL

LONG ISLAND'S offshore waters harbor, in season, many glamourous and noble species of game fish. Sometime later this month, the sharks, fearsome oceanic scavengers, potential enemy of all that share the sea with them, will have followed the huge schools of mackerel to within a dozen miles or less of our shores. The first species to be encountered will probably be the "porbeagle," to be followed by the blue sharks and Makos. The porbeagle and the Mako are similar species, the latter being the most prized shark, both as game and as food. The blue shark is the most prevalent shark form in the ocean. Something like nine out of ten sharks caught on rod and reel off Long Island are blue sharks. Rare, thank heaven, is the "maneater" or white shark, whose ominous reputation is well founded on an abundance of evidence. The few of these that are caught on rod and reel each year are usually in the fifty to two or three hundred pound category, as is also true of the other three species mentioned. Swimming in the waters off Long Island, however, are white sharks of two tons and more, but these remain unmolested by the sportfisherman for obvious reasons. Duskies, Tigers, Threshers, Hammerheads and a few other species move to within reach of our shores in varying numbers from year to year. But beginning sometime this month, the appearance of sharks behind the mackerel will lure many an ocean fisherman to test his luck, stamina, and tackle with the first of Long Island's "big game." Beginning in May, but continuing through the rest of the spring, into summer and fall, the sharks will be with us and the most important of these will be the blue, because of its numerical supremacy, and the mako, because of its gameness and relative abundance.

Quarter ton is not outlandish as Broadbill Swordfish go. Sometime in June the first of these will be seen, characteristically sunning itself on the surface, probably on a calm, sun drenched sea. The sloping sickle shaped dorsal fin, clearly visible above the surface of the water, is easily distinguishable from any of the shark's fins to the experienced eye. The first swordfish will probably be sighted off eastern Long Island, Montauk or somewhere off the Hamptons. Here the contour of the continental shelf bends closer to our shore and deep water is more accessible. The broadbill swordfish has a nose that grows, as its name implies, in the shape of a powerful sword, horizontally flat and tapering from head to tip. He has eyes as large as baseballs to drain light from the dark depths of the open ocean where he feeds; thus, the fishermens' encounter with the swordfish, always on the surface, is when the fish is resting rather than looking for food. His stomach is usually full and this accounts for much of the difficulty one meets with when attempting to get this giant fish interested in a bait. Prior to the discovery in recent years of alarming quantities of mercury contamination in the tissue of members of this species, it was the most prized food fish among the giants that swim in Long Island's ocean waters. Most of us have less interest in swordfish steaks than we once did but his quality and desirability as a game fish has not diminished.

Then in July, probably around the fourth, although it could happen somewhat earlier, or more likely, somewhat later, someone will catch the first Bluefin Tuna. This could occur anywhere in the ocean of course, but it's better than even money that the first will be caught somewhere off either Jones Inlet, Fire Island Inlet or off Montauk. The first tuna will be a trolled fish, a baby of 7 to 25 lbs., less likely an adolescent of about 60 or 70. Members of Long Island's active offshore fishing clubs on the western end of the south shore vie with considerable ardor for the honor of bringing back the first tuna. Fifty, sixty, even seventy miles or more is not too far for this breed of fisherman to travel, often on several, sometimes many trips, beginning in late June or early July, looking for the "blue" water, the sargassum weed, a small, dark, low-flying sea bird known to them as "chickens," all signs that tuna may be near. Once that "first" tuna is in the boat, it's back to port, even if the lines just went over, no matter how far off the angler is; for back at the dock is weigh-in, and ultimately, trophies and glory. More often than not it is a week or more before a significant number of tuna are within practical distance for the average Long Island boatman, and from then on till late summer they swim in our ocean waters in varying numbers and a vast range of sizes from month to month, week, to week, and day to day.

The sun pours down on the ocean in July; the Gulf Stream's "blue" water moves closer to shore and the swift swimming cousins of the tuna, the bonitos, two different species, the smaller common green or striped bonito and the oceanic, arctic or watermellon bonito, join their bigger cousins - the bluefin tuna - and are captured, incidentally, along with them. Then again, beneath this or that piece of driftwood, a discarded packing crate, anything that floats, there is in some years an even chance that a 30 lb. dolphin will lurk, or perhaps a whole school of three pounders. Blunt in forehead and glorious in coloration, the dolphin, vast roamer of the warm oceans of the world, is a beautiful creature. Its various intermingling hues of blue, green and gold honors us with abundance some seasons, disappoints as a rartiy in others.

With the maturing of July we can realistically anticipate our first marlin. Rarely is the first one caught earlier - more frequently it eludes us until August which in any case is the best month for them, although they linger sometimes in favorable water conditions to mid-September.

There are four species of marlin that swim the oceans of the world. Two of these include Long Island among their range. The white marlin is the baby of this family. One hundred pounds is a big one; usually they are half this size. Slender, powerful, with a rapier for a nose, the white marlin, pound for pound, inch for inch, is one of the truly spectacular game fishes of the world. Its breath-taking leaps when hooked, sandwiched between long wrist-aching runs, make the

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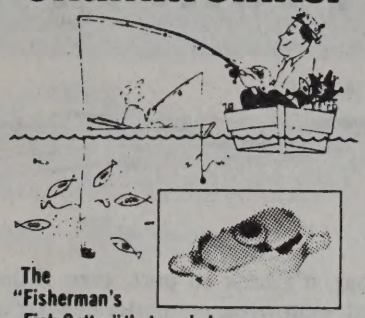

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white an adversary of ultimate qualifications when battles on appropriate tackle; a fish that demands respect of even the most accomplished of anglers. Like all oceanic nomads, the white marlins numbers in our waters are extremely variable; we are blessed on occasions with substantial numbers of them, more frequently they are around in numbers to allow for only an occasional encounter.

The white marlin's big cousin, the blue marlin, is virtually the same fish many times over. Immortalized by Ernest Hemmingway in the Old Man and the Sea, the blue marlin is a creature of great majesty and pulverizing power. He is a giant of the seas, one of the few fishes capable of attaining a weight in excess of a thousand pounds. Few of them are caught off Long Island because they more often than not are hooked on inappropriate light tackle meant for whites or school tuna. Our sportfishing history has abundantly recorded encounters lasting seven, eight, twelve hours and more, these usually ending in favor of the fish. One or two are captured most years, seldom more.

As the days shorten perceptably with August approaching its end, another tuna-like fish that is called bonito in some areas of the world, tunny in others, and albacore in these parts, takes up the slack provided by the dwindling numbers of some of the other species. Similar to the bonitos, perhaps even a bit tougher, albacore sometimes infest our waters well into the fall. But with the warm weather dying, it is the southbound migration the adult or giant tuna that occupies th attention of our "big game" fisherme and for some there is no other fishin Chumming for them out of Montau either north off the Rhode Island coas south or east amongst the local comme cial dragger fleet, or frequently amor the Russians, or on the west end off th Jersey coast in the "Mud Hole," tack smashing monsters - four, five, seve who knows how many hundreds of poun the next one will be - giant tuna usuall are available somewhere off Long Islan through October, frequently into N vember and rarely even into Decembe These are the older members of the sam species whose offspring and younge brothers and sisters led the offshore trol ing fleets on a merry chase in their pu suit over the summer months. Giant tun fishing is a smashing climax to the of shore fishing season.

There are yet others, the lon finned albacore, the yellow fin tuna, th wahoo, always a possibility, more so th farther one ventures out to sea. "Canyon fishing, on the edge of the drop-off o the continental shelf some seventy o eighty miles off Long Island, while not routine possibility for the average off shore boatman fisherman, is nevertheles being pursued with increasing frequency each year by a slowly building fraternity of oceanic anglers who have the boat with that sort of range, and are thus hear ing more and more of encounters with these exotic gamefish.

These then are the "denizens" tha will command our attention, hopefully for many hours on the ocean this year and in one way or another in this spac in the weeks and months ahead.

COMPASSES
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Fortunately, repairs and rebuilding can be done for a fraction of the cost of a new instrument, and there is no need to buy a new compass if you have an old one that is repairable.

The crux to the foregoing is to forestall trouble by keeping your compass, the most important and basic navigation instrument, in peak operating condition.

Next: What to look for when buying a new compass; checking over the installation of a compass (very important); and care and maintenance.

The Great South Beach Mobile Sportsfishermen held their annual elections on April 20, 1972. The results of the election are: President, Jack Skolnick; First Vice President, Leo Mulderig; Second Vice President, Ronald Bergmann: Secretary, Liz Skolnick; Treasurer, Beverly Horndrup.

Newly elected members to the Board of Directors are: Fletcher Bedell, Nick Cassella, Andy Como, Ray Farell, Larry Foley, John Gluth, Andy Noia, Richard McDowell and Richard Stransky.

NASSAU COUNTY CAMPING & OUTDOOR RECREATION SHOW

This show will be held at Wantagh Park on May 13th and 14th from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

On May 20th and 21st, the show will be held at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow.

All types of camping and fishing equipment will be demonstrated. The admission is free.

Hudson River Report

by Pete Barrett

VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle Shop reported that bloodworms accounted for stripers up to 7 lbs. at the oyster beds. Shore casters are doing an excellent job on bass at George's Island Park behind the F.D.R. Hospital, and at the sea plane base. Most of these anglers are using bloodworm baits, but a few score with bucktails. For anglers who want them, catfish are all over the place. Baits for these fish can be just about anything from chopped meat to earthworms.

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CROTON ON HUDSON

Croton Bait & Tackle reported good striper action in the Croton River. Rebels and Mee Mees do well here. Herring can be found in the River also. Some good sized bass have been caught at the mouth of the river. Trolling yellow and white bucktails or drifting worms with an incoming tide seems to be the best methods. Drifting from Croton Bay to Crawbuckie Beach is paying off with fish up to 7 lbs.

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OSSINING

Tony's Bait & Tackle reported good striper fishing at Tellers Point. There are lots of white perch here also. Boatmen trolling yellow bucktails at Sing Sing, Searboto and Tarrytown are doing very well. Tony Marabeto, Jr. had a 14 pounder which he took on a yellow bucktail. There seems to be a lot of stripers in the teens at the mouths of the feeder streams emptying into the Hudson.

FORT LEE, N.J.

Al & Jerry's Tackle Shop reported that the catfishing is good and white perch fishing is good also. Striper activity is made up of mostly small fish. The best spot is the Piermont Pier.

North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that blackfishing has started off of Harts Island and off the bridges and rock jetties. Blackfish up to 4 pounds are being caught on both fiddler crabs and clam baits. Action there last weekend was rated as fair. As the season progresses, action there will improve. At Turtle Cove, bass fishing has developed into good fishing. Bass up to 9 lbs. were caught last week. Split-tail Rebels and mackerel lures are producing fish, along with worm baits on long leaders. Flounder fishing locally is holding strong.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry Powels of Vets Fishing Station reported that blackfish, stripers, mackerel and flounders are around to be caught. Anglers have their choice of fish to catch. The blackfishing and bass fishing is just taking hold. There are plenty of mackerel around to be caught. Flounder fishing is holding strong.

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BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported that mackerel fishing improved last weekend. Mackerel were caught some 300 yards from the dock on a slow troll using mackerel trees with a diamond jig at the end. Most everyone who tried caught mackerel last week. Bass are still located at the Centre Island Reef. The action there has been good, but most of the bass taken have been on the small side. Larger bass are expected there shortly. Flounder fishing is holding strong. A few more blackfish were taken at Matinecock last week.

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NORTHPORT

Les Bunce of the Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reported that bass fishing at Makamah and Crab Meadow Beaches is very good. Action is steady all day, however, most of the bass taken are shorts, and only a few keepers are around to be caught. Larger fish are expected to show shortly. There are plenty of mackerel around to be caught. Anglers are catching as many as three at a time, most everywhere. Flounder fishing can't be beat. There are plenty of fish available.

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SMITHTOWN

George of Beacon on the Sound reported that black and flounder fishing have developed into good action from Sunken Meadow down towards Callahan. At the present time, blackfishing is best off of the 'Mansion.' Blackfish up to 3, 4 and 5 pounds are being caught there. Mackerel fishing is now good about one mile offshore of the Brick Yard. You have to look and try hard for results. There have been no reported bass catches as of yet.

PORT JEFFERSON

John Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported that mackerel fishing has developed into excellent action. The macks can be located most anywhere outside of the Port Jefferson Harbor. Last week, anglers caught as many mackerel as they wanted to while jigging. Blackfish have become plentiful at Old Field Point, Mount Misery and the Port Jefferson Jetty. Blackfish up to 6½ lbs. are being caught on worm and clam baits along these areas. Flounder fishing is holding strong. And stripers are starting to show locally, however, at the present time most of the fish taken are shorts.

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reported that the mackerel are everywhere. "We had an excellent day with these fish on Saturday. Bill Teets of Delhi, N.Y. was the high hook. On

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North Shore Reports

Sunday, our charter was the Floral Park Anglers, who didn't want to go for mackerel. We had 70 flounders up to 2½ lbs. and blackfish up to 5 lbs. Tom Drugan was the pool winner. He caught the biggest flounder and the biggest blackfish."

Capt. Bill Littlefield, skipper of the "Jib III," reported that they have been getting some good, steady mackerel fishing off of Mount Sinai. The mornings seem to be better with the macks. The afternoons slow up a bit. "On Sunday, we had the Captree Fishing Club aboard, and they had a mixed bag of mackerel and flounder. Blackfishing is picking up also. Ten year old Brain Ecker caught a 4 lb. blackfish."

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MILLER PLACE

Dick Brown of Dick's Sporting Goods reported that fishing is excellent all along the Miller Place Beach. The rocky areas have some large blackfish. Flounders up to 2 lbs. are being caught on the Sound side and the smaller flatties are in the bays. Striped bass are all over, however, most of them are shorts. Hopkins lures seem to work best on these stripers.

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MATTITUCK

Capt. Joe Cash, skipper of the "Port Jeff Ace," reports that the Sound is loaded with mackerel. The flounder fishing has improved tremendously. Capt. Roy Cash of the "Falcon" had the Arverne Fishing Club aboard on Saturday and they brought in 800 flounders up to 3 lbs. Jerry Cohen was high hook with 65 fish. The blackfishing is getting better every day. The Port Jeff Ace will start sailing as an open boat from Port Jefferson Harbor this coming weekend.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported that mackerel fishing has developed into excellent action. Anglers can catch as many mackerel as they want. Blackfishing is also good at Miller Place and Rocky Point. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are being caught in these areas. Flounder fishing is holding strong. Bass fishing is just getting started and most of the fish taken are shorts.

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NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria of Captain Marty's Fishing Station reported that an 8 lb. 3 oz. weakfish was caught at Roses Grove by John Lehne, of N.Y.C., last Sunday. John had 13 other weaks beside the 8 pounder. Other weakfish action last week was located at Nassau Point and the South Race. Jigs and various baits produced good action. Flounder fishing is holding strong most everywhere. Blackfishing is improving daily at Robbins Island and Nassau Point. Mackerel, mackerel and more mackerel are around to be caught. Anglers are able to catch as many macks as they want. Bass fishing is still on the slow side.

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SOUTHOLD-ORIENT POINT

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing is excellent by the west side of Jessups Neck off of the fish traps. Flounders up to 2½ lbs. are being caught. The Wong family, of New York City, caught some 115 flounders while fishing there last weekend. Mackerel fishing at the present time is just outstanding. Anglers are catching as many macks as they want at Buoys 12 and 17. Blackfishing at the Brick Yard has developed into good action. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are taking clam baits there. The quality is there, however, no quantity as of yet. Weakfish are now in at Buoy 16 of Noyac Bay. Weaks up to 6 lbs. are being caught on squid and the Peconic Bay weakfish rig. Diamond jigs are even catching a few.

Photo shows (left to right) Joe Pucillo, of Staten Island, Walter Nash, of New Jersey, and Joe Appy, of Staten Island. These anglers caught 75 mackerel, 12 weakfish up to 5 lbs. and 18 flounders up to 3 lbs. at Buoy 23 in New Suffolk. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

Mike Amengual, of Queens, caught these mackerel in Noyac Bay. Photo courtesy of the Mill Creek Marina.

Ted Gruber and son Ted, with friend Angelo Landino, all from Queens, show some of their fine catch of flounders, taken at Petty's Bight at Orient Point. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

150 blackfish taken by Bruna Brabiec and friends, of New Jersey. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station.

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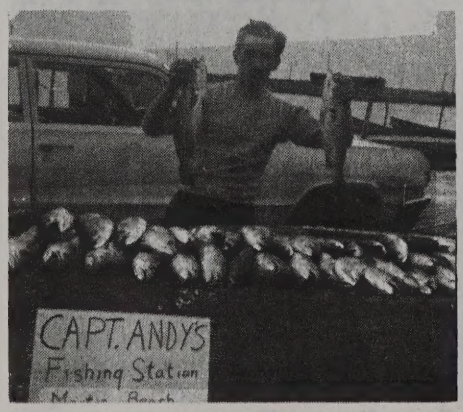

This photo shows Jerry Bolton with 74 weakfish up to 3¼ lbs. Jerry caught these fish at Buoy 17 in Mastic Beach. Photo courtesy of Capt. Andy's Fishing Station.

Madeline and Pat Kelly, of Queens, caught 102 flounders off Havens Point. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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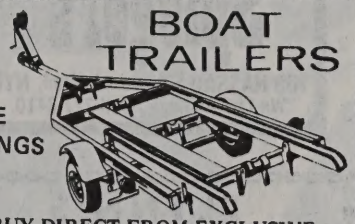

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South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Fred Shay of the East Lake Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing is good and blackfish have just taken hold. George Laduga and Jack Maffei, of Manhattan, did very well on flounders just outside the jetty. They used mussel and clam baits and cuaght over 50 flatties up to 2¾ lbs.

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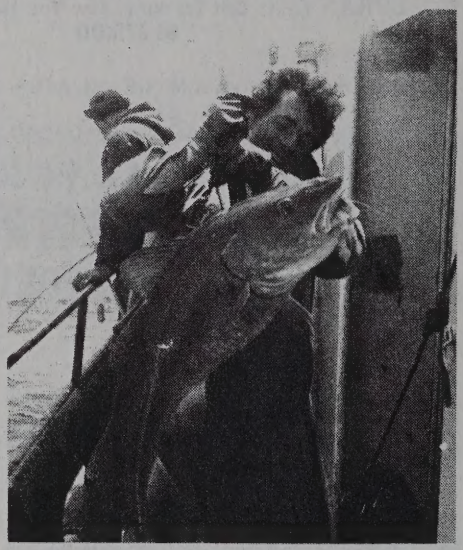

Mate Howie Aromawirz gaffing a big one on the "Peconic QueenII" at the Andrea Doria grounds.

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reported that good codfishing was had by his fares on Saturday at Coxes Ledge. There are plenty of big cod at the Ledge. Fish in the 35 to 40 pound class are not uncommon.

Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen," reports that codfishing at Coxes Ledge remains good. "We did very well on Saturday but on Sunday, the fishing fell off. Hubert Jones, of Brooklyn, caught two large cod, one tipping the scales at 44 lbs. and the other at 40 lbs., however, he wasn't entered in the pool."

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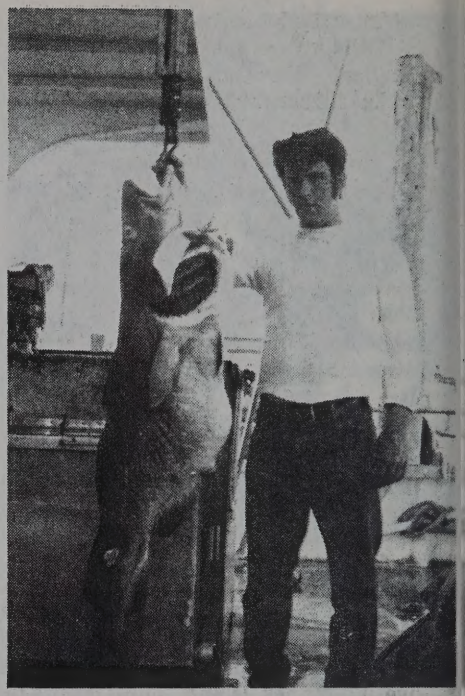
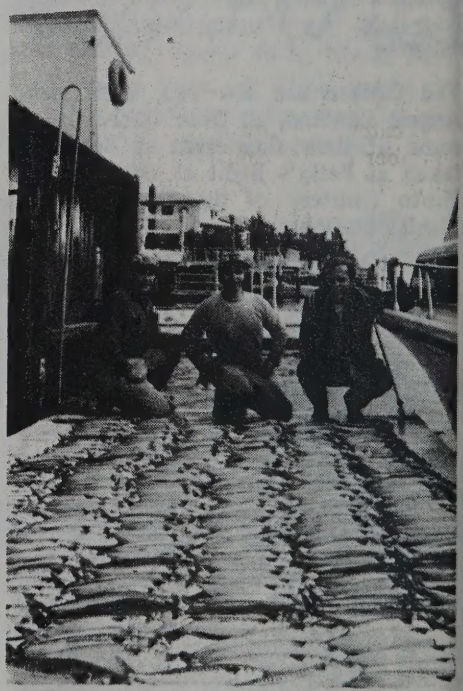
SHINNECOCK

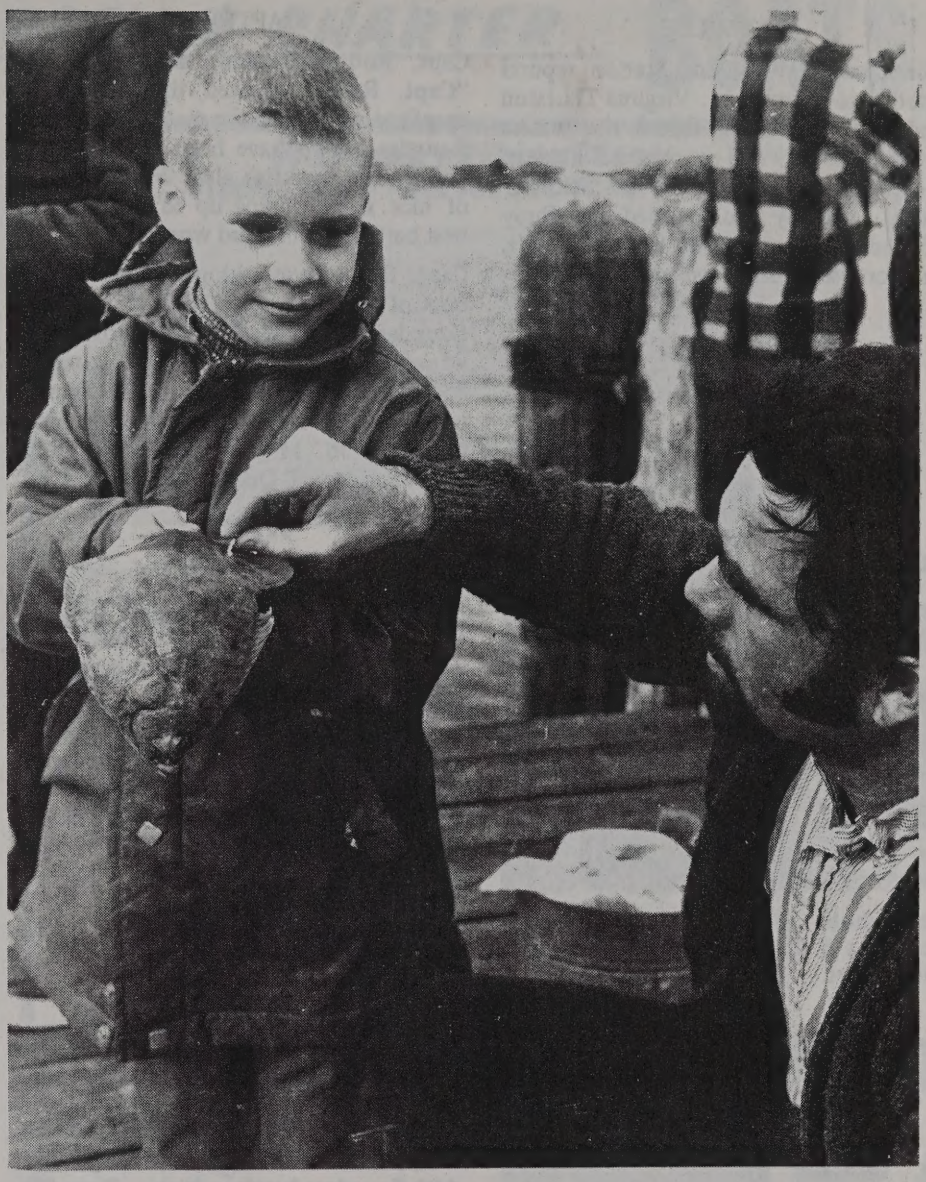
Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr., skipper of the "Capt. Clark," reported that the flounder fishing is good both in Peconic Bay and Shinnecock Bay. The flounder fishing was good all week, slowed a bit on Saturday, and then picked up a bit on Sunday. "On Saturday, we picked up 1 weakfish and 2 porgies on bloodworms meant for flounder."



This photo shows Carl Miller, of Brentwood, with a 60 lb. codfish. The cod took the pool aboard the "Viking Star" out of Montauk.



Steve Yaworsky, Bob Ingis and Herb Schuchman with their catch of 387 mackerel. These fish were caught at the Whistle Buoy outside of Jones Inlet.



THREE FIRSTS FOR A 6 YEAR OLD FISHERMAN — Ian Diamondstone of Battleboro, Vermont, at left, caught a blackback flounder last week while fishing from the East Hampton Dock at Lake Montauk Harbor. It was the first fish Ian had ever caught. It had been one of the first fish tagged by Dr. Herbert Austin, Associate Research Scientist in Fisheries Oceanography at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Montauk, (at right in photo) in a tagging program designed to trace migration patterns of fish in Long Island waters. It also was the first "return" to be reported in the program which was started last November. Ian, visiting his grandfather, George Lake of Flushing, Queens, had been brought to Montauk by Mr. Lake for initiation into the fraternity of salt water fishermen. Dr. Austin told Ian that his fish had been tagged in nearby Fort Pond Bay last November and, although it hasn't travelled very far, it was headed in the right direction (it is believed that flounder move into Block Island Sound during the summer months and back into the shallow bays for the winters). More returns have since been reported by other fishermen from Sag Harbor, Shinnecock and other flounder areas. In conducting the migration surveillance program, yellow plastic "spaghetti" tags, are attached to flounders, weakfish, porgies and other species that are important locally to both commercial and sport fishermen. Each tag contains the initials NYOSL (for New York Ocean Science Laboratory) and a serial number. Persons catching tagged fish are requested to write to the Laboratory, reporting the serial number, the location and time of the catch, the size of the fish, the total number of fish caught on that date and, if possible, the temperature of the water.

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SAG HARBOR

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Marina reported that mackerel fishing is excellent and the weakfishing is on the upswing. Blackfishing is good also. On Saturday, Jerry Guseking, of N.J., caught a 5¾ lb. blackfish off of Jessups Neck. Max Koch, of Albany, N.Y., caught 18 flounders up to 2 lbs. and a weakfish of 2½ lbs. Max fished Jessups Neck also. On Sunday, Mike Albert caught a mess of mackerel and two 3 lb. weakfish. Mike fished the waters off the Monestary.

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reported that flounder fishing remains good off Gardiners Island and Cedar Point. "We are getting flounders up to 3 lbs. and blackfish up to 5 lbs. Blackfish are generally the pool winning fish."

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reported that the weekend fishing was excellent. The flounders were at Majors Harbor and Cedar Point. Ed and Anne Cotiaux caught 60 good sized flounders at Cedar Point. The South Ferry area has some good striper fishing. Trolled bucktails are the best method. Weakfish had made the scene at South Ferry also. Charles Visilely caught a blackfish of 10 lbs. 14 ozs. and is entered in out fishing contest.

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HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie Berhle of Bradley's Fishing Station reported good weakfishing. Mackerel fishing is good also. Flounders are being taken at the 'Basket.' Dan and Ken Brayshaw, of Rockville Centre, were fishing for mackerel in Peconic Bay with diamond jigs and came in with a mess of weakfish up to 4½ pounds.

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MORICHES

Frank Savino of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing remains good throughout the bay. Jim Pumo and son Sal caught 300 flounders at Buoy 27 using mussel and worm baits. Buoy 32 is good on flounders and weakfish. Squid strips are best for the weaks.

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MASTIC

Ray Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reported that there are plenty of flounders around for everyone. Buoy 20 is the hotspot. "We are getting some weakfish up to 3 pounds on squid strips. This action is taking place at Buoy 20 also."

SAYVILLE

The South Bay Fishing Station reports another good weekend. Virginia Thurston and Cliff Halvarson fished the waters around Buoy 29 and caught 25 flounders, 6 eels and 1 weakfish of 2½ lbs. Schuvler Jackson, of Bay Shore, fished near Buoy 25 and caught over 200 flounders. Mr. Jackson used worms and mussel baits.

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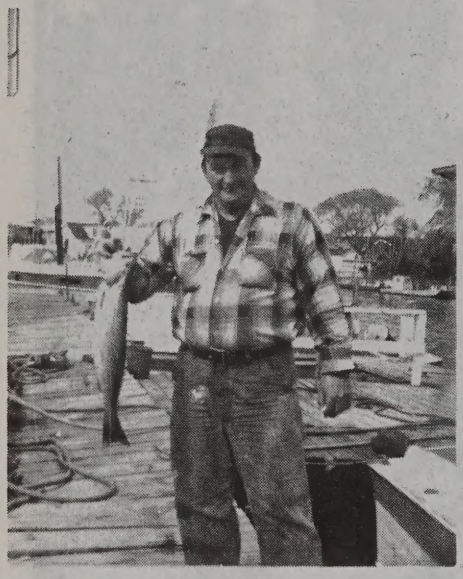
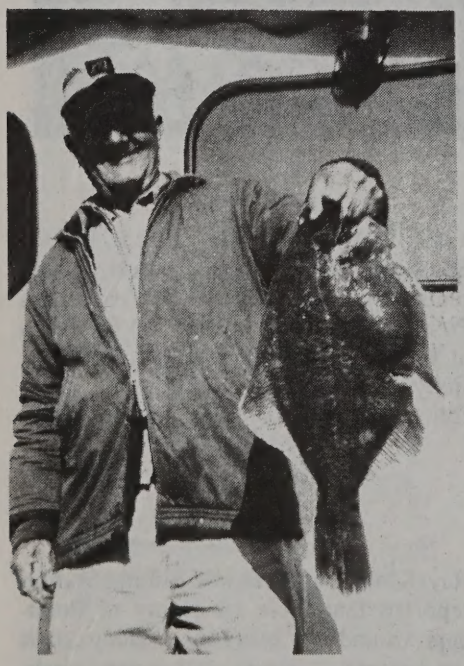


This photo shows Big Good George holding a 5 lb. weak caught at the Fire Island Inlet.



This photo shows Steve Skurka, of Queens, holding his 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder. Steve won the Squadron Anglers Flounder Tournament with this flattie. Photo courtesy of the "Hel-Cat" Fleet at Montauk.

CAPTREE

Capt. Rod Westerlind, skipper of the "Capt. Rod," reported that fishing is excellent with both the mackerel and the flounder. "We have been getting some porgies and weakfish also. Flounders are of nice size, running up to 2 lbs. The best baits are clams and worms.

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the party boat of the same name, reported that the flounder fishing was excellent over the weekend. The flounders are running about 1 to 1½ lbs. average. Mr. J. Penna, of Queens, took the boat pool on Sunday with a 4 lb. 11 oz. blackfish. Tony Durante, also of Queens, caught a 3 lb. 4 oz. weakfish.

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BABYLON

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing is excellent and weakfishing is getting better every day. The best area for flounders is just off Bergen Point. The weakfish are around Grass Island and are taking bloodworms.

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SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing couldn't be better. Tony Klein, Bobby Longrari, Bill Nyman, Jim Longrari, Mark Marra and his brother, Gary, rented two boats and caught over 100 flounders between them. They fished the west side of the channel between the 1st and 2nd bridges. Jimmy Rivera and friend caught 58 flounders at Goose Neck Creek. Bloodworms are still the number one bait.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported that the mackerel fishing is excellent. On Saturday and Sunday, they caught a total of 7000 mackerel. Some of the fares came back to the docks with 200 fish and better. The average catch is about 40 fish per man. The mackerel are close to shore, only about 10 minutes from the beach. No chumming, just a 3 oz. diamond jig and tubes and this will get you all the mackerel you want.

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The Crisci brothers, from upstate New York, caught these weaks at Buoy 17. Worms fished about 3 feet off bottom was the best method.

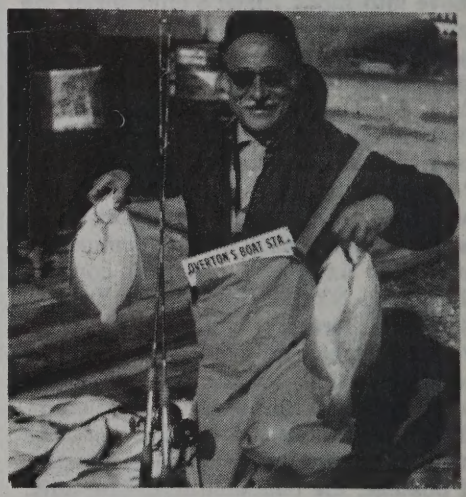

Photo shows Julius Rudnick, of the Harmony Fishing Club in Brooklyn, holding some of the flounders he caught. Photo courtesy of Overton's Boat Station.

BELLMORE

George Kwak of Kwak's Tackle Shop reports that some of his customers are getting some good catches of weakfish and kingfish at the 2nd and 3rd bridges. Frank Rovery, of Seaford, caught 23 blackfish up to 6¼ lbs. Frank fished the 2nd bridge using fiddler crab baits.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the "Angler II" reports that the mackerel fishing is great and only 15 minutes traveling time from the docks. The high hook on Sunday was Carl Frey, of the Bronx, with 318 mackerel. Diamond jigs and tubes are best for taking these tiny torpedoes.

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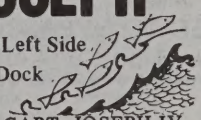

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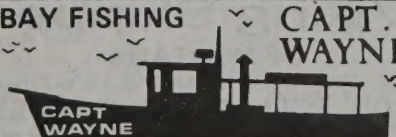

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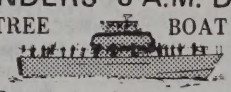

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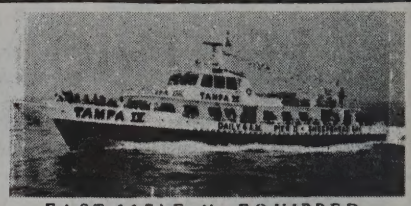

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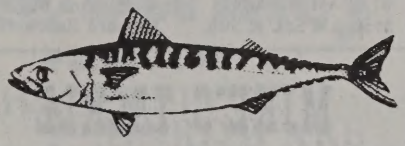

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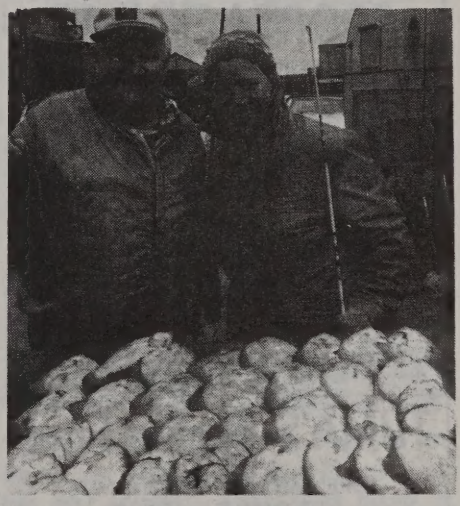

Gertrude and Harry Matros, of Ozone Park, caught these 31 fat flounders in Seatuck Cove in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Photo shows 7 year old John Caesar, of Hicksville, with his fine catch of flounders. This was John's first catch.

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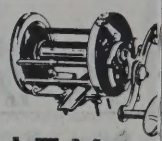

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Rudy Schuele and son, Rudy Jr., along with Al Syvarth, of N.J., with 68 flounders caught in Harts Cove. Photo courtesy of the Silly Lily Fishing Station.

ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN
By Greg Beacher

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported that schools of mackerel moved from the inlet towards and southeast of the N.C. Buoy. Boats that fished there last weekend caught a barrel full of mackerel. Locally, small stripers, blackfish, flounders and a few weakfish are around to be caught. At the pocket off of Atlantic Beach, small stripers are plentiful, and you could say small, as stripers from 6 to 10 inches are being caught. So far larger fish have not shown and there is no reported bass action elsewhere. Blackfishing is just getting underway, as a few blackfish were caught at the jetty and the Atlantic Beach Bridge. They're small, but it's a start for the season. The flounder fishing remains good at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club, Woodmere Channel, Bannister Creek, Duck Point and at the jetty. Flounder fishing was good and steady last weekend along these areas. Flounders from a ½ to 1¼ lbs. were caught. Last Saturday, Bob and Gerald Closs and Morris Chan, of Far Rockaway, caught 75 flounders at Bannister Creek. Buster Gefleen, of Brooklyn, and Bob Gaillard, of Far Rockaway, caught some 40 flounders at Buoy 5 of Reynolds Channel. Anglers jigging for mackerel off the beach last weekend caught a few weakfish along with their mackerel catches. As their jigs bounced off the bottom. a few weakfish took notice. Not too many were caught, but it's a good sign.

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun reported that flounder fishing dropped off last weekend. There were still plenty of flounders around though. The best flounder spot for Jamaica Bay is still Silver Hole, as flounders up to 1½ lbs. were caught there. Blackfishing at the Marine Parkway Bridge and Rockaway Jetty has taken hold. Blackfish up to 1½ lbs. are beginning to be caught in numbers.

The main story for Jamaica Bay last weekend was the start of the striper run. Small bass are being caught at the North and South Channel bridges and most of Jamaica Bay. Action was pretty good for the most part, but mostly shorts were caught on worms. It will be a week or two before the larger bass start to show. Remember, bass under 16 inches are classified as shorts, and they should be thrown back.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

It's mackerel, mackerel and more mackerel for Sheepshead Bay anglers. Party boats were stuffed with anglers. and anglers were stuffed with mackerel last weekend. For the last three weeks now, mackerel fishing has been great for all those who tried. Last week, party boats fished the furthest towards the east since the beginning of the mackerel run. They ended up between 4 and 8 miles southeast of the N.C. Buoy. With present weather conditions expected for the next week, by this weekend mackerel should be located in the same area, with other schools of macks working their way into out area. Mackerel action can be expected, we hope, closer to home. Who knows, by the time you read this week's L.I.F., party boats might be mackerel fishing at the B.A. Buoy, 17 Fathoms or Long Island Sound.

George Gnad of the Bay End Dock reported that both flounders and blacks are now mixed at and off of Manhattan Beach and Rockaway Jetty. Action is good at both locations, with anglers catching a mixed bag of fish. At Rockaway Jetty, along the rip, mackerel and small stripers were caught on jigs during the outgoing tide last weekend. Mackerel were of average size but the stripers caught were mostly shorts. Last Sunday. the first weakfish of the season for our area was caught at Louie's Pier. The weakfish weighed about 4 lbs. and was caught on a worm bait. The angler (nameless) showed his catch and then went home.

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STATEN ISLAND

Slong Staten Island, it's flounders and small bass for anglers. Great Kills Park is still your best bet for stripers, however, they are still small and most of the fish caught there are shorts. The same applies to the stripers being taken from Fort Wadsworth towards Tottenville. At Tottenville, a few kingfish are starting to show. The action there is just getting started. Even a few blackfish are starting to be caught along bridges and rock jetties.

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SANDY HOOK

Armand of Giglio's Bait & Tackle reported that stripers are active along surf areas and the Shrewsbury River. At the Sandy Hook State Park, striper action was good last weekend, but again, most of the bass taken have been shorts. At the Sandy Hook Rip, all is still quiet. It will be a good week before worm fishing for bass takes hold. At the Shrewsbury River, the weakfish run has started. The weaks are running between 2 and 4 lbs. There were a few 5 and 6 pounders caught there last weekend. Worm baits are doing the trick as far as weakfishing goes.

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" reported that most of the Highland and Atlantic Highland party boats mackerel fished from 5 to 8 miles southeast of the N.C. Buoy last weekend. Anglers caught as many mackerel as they wanted and boats loaded up with fish. Ray Drew, of Haskell, N.J., was high hook aboard the Sea Horse with two bags of mackerel last Sunday. "There was one party boat from our area that didn't want to take the 2½ hour ride to the fishing grounds last Sunday, and that was the "Sea Pigeon," captained by Marty Haines. The Sea Pigeon, which sails from Perth Amboy, tried and connected for mackerel action at the B.A. Buoy. The action was good all day and bags of mackerel were taken.

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SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn of the "Miss Belmar" reported that they fished southeast of the Shark River Inlet from 12 to 17 miles offshore. This is just short of the Mud Hole. The fishing was good there and anglers caught as many fish as they wanted. Anglers who worked hard and fished all day caught bags of fish. "As it looks now, we'll be mackerel fishing for the next couple of weeks."

Locally, striper fishing along the surf and the inlet is just getting started. Shorts are now being taken by surf fishermen and by boats drifting worms. It will be at least a week or so before the larger fish start to show. Flounder fishing for the Shark River area is still good most anywhere you try. A few weakfish are being caught from time to time.

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MANASQUAN

Capt. Howard Bogan, skipper of the "Jamaica," reported that mackerel are still in solid from 12 to 15 miles southeast of the Manasquan Inlet. Loads of fish were caught there last weekend. Anglers caught at least a bag of mackerel per man. At the present time, mackerel fishing is just great and it is expected to last until the arrival of bluefish at the end of May.

Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reported that stripers are now active at the Manasquan Inlet and canal. Action there is pretty good, but most of the bass taken are shorts. Maybe this coming weekend, larger bass will make their presence known. Flounder fishing

N.Y. Bight

emains excellent most everywhere. A ew weakfish, kingfish and blackfish are tarting to show throughout our area.

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BLUEFISH

This year, bluefish might arrive ooner than most fishermen expect along our area. Last year, blues arrived in numbers on May 24th, and were located offshore of Spring Lake, New Jersey. From then on, blues were in reach of both private and party boats from Manasquan across to Atlantic Beach.

This year, blues were located off of Cape Hatteras during most of the winter months. Schools of blues stood there due to warm 49 degree water temperatures. With warm waters and plenty of baitfish available, most of the bluefish population didn't migrate south last winter. Mackerel have vacated the Atlantic City area already, as feeding blues are right behind them. At the present time, a few blues are being caught off of Atlantic City.

To make things short, by this coming weekend, the surf areas from Manasquan north to the Atlantic Highlands and Sandy Hook, should produce the first scattered bluefish catches of the season. It is expected by some avid fishermen. myself included, that bluefish will be caught offshore by May 20th. How many is yet to be seen, but action is expected to take place offshore of Spring Lake, New Jersey 10 to 20 miles offshore. One thing is certain; I'll be out there trying, to prove that they are there as expected.

George Frader, of Trenton, N.J., displays two tile fish that he caught aboard Capt. Howard Bogan's "Jamaica," out of Brielle. George's Hudson Canyon lunkers hit the scales at 31 and 33 lbs. Capt. Bogan was pleased to report that the tile fish grounds are swarming with fish and that it looks like a fine season coming up.

A LETTER FROM SOL (BROOKLYN PATRIARCH) CARROL

Hi Vince,

I just received my copy of L.I.F. and in essence I agree with you about boats vs. surf fishermen.

I love the surf most of all, however, I will go out on a boat once in awhile. At that, it is only for tuna or blue fishing.

The stripers are not around here as yet. I can't get eels, the tackle man said he can't sell enough of them. Not many of these fishermen are out for stripers (mostly fresh water, and catfish fishermen).

I am catching big carp, the largest yesterday was a 27 lb. carp. Catching them from top of the dam, and working them around the fast water is good exercise.

I am enclosing a picture of the fast water where the carp abound in great numbers. Jeannie brought in a 23 pounder herself. I don't fish Saturday or Sunday when this rail is loaded with fishermen. Some of them even shoot the carp with bow and arrow, which I don't think is much sport. The law says you must fish with single hooks and bait, no treble hooks or snagging allowed. Thank Tony DiFede on his article of March 9th in L.I.F. about carp.

If any of your readers are interested in fishing for carp, I recommend the Apalachicola River, Chattahoochee, Fla. Perhaps you can use one of the enclosed pictures.

In about ten days we will be in North Carolina for some serious surf fishing. Will let you know all about it soon.

Keep well, keep writing as you see it, it makes good reading.

Regards,

Sol

Jeannie Carrol (Sol's wife with some of their carp. She hooked and landed one of 23 pounds.

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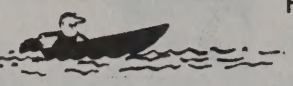

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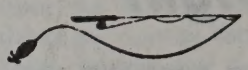

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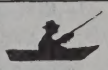

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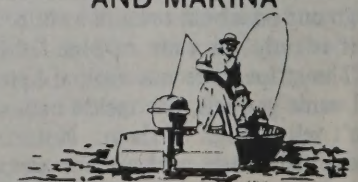

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Charles Lorme and granddaughters, Lisa and Linda, with 60 flounders caught in Seaford.

Al and Paul Houghton, of Shirley, caught this mess of fat flounders at Buoy 17 in Mastic. Photo courtesy of Keenan's Fishing Station.

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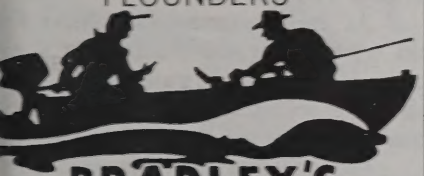

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

WESTPORT

Ed Boland called from the Westport Tackle Shop last Monday afternoon. By now it's old and welcome news, but the mackerel are in, and Tony Tomasule and Joe Adnet were the first to bring the word for the second season in a row. They nailed 56 Boston battlers a mile south of Middle Passage in Norwalk waters. It's interesting to note how they did it. When the mackerel rig-diamond jig combo wouldn't produce, they grabbed the spinning outfits, and cast Hopkins and diamond jig lures singly for their total. It pays to carry that extra stick.

Meantime, flounder are getting big around Sprite Island and Cockenoe, says Ed, but it's necessary to catch the right tide to score big. Lou Tabory and Butch McElwee captured their first stripers of the year and released them while fishing at Compo Beach. They were all shorts, and we all know we have to release the bass under 16 inches.

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NORWALK

Vin Mola was also excited about the fishing. His son Rick teamed up with Ozzie Bosci to catch a total of fifty bass in the Norwalk Islands, releasing forty of them. Doc Franks walked into Mola's Bait & Tackle and weighed in a 2 lb. 11 oz. flounder he captured near Cockenoe by fishing the right tide. Vin's uncle Lou also scored big with flounder, with a bushel over a pound. Worms, bucktails and the Rebel all worked well for Rick and Ozzie's bass bonanza. More bass were picked up near Sprite Island, and off Calf Pasture Pier. Mike Jones also scored with 48 black-backed flatties up to 2 lbs.

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GREENWICH

A number of reports came into Doug at the Sportsmans Den here. Phil Ferber took 16 schoolies on bucktails fishing from his boat off Byram. His brother, George, went out a couple of days later, and tallied 10 stripers on the Redfin. Mike the Tailor came up with 7 linesiders fishing from shore at Greenwich Cove, and Bill Wright also came up with a few at the same spot. Greenwich Point is producing nice flounder from shore, and on the inside, tomcod are thick.

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MAMARONECK

A 16 year old took the first ultra-light trophy of the year. Charlie Cianci forgot to switch spools from his last trout trip, and so tackled and landed an 8 lb. bass on two pound test line. Good going Charlie! Flounder are thick all around Mamaroneck, says Fred Archer at his fishing station there.

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RYE

Charlie Ferris called from the Milton Point Tackle Shop to report the first mackerel of the year in these waters. Danny Catalano was the first to score, hitting his fish off the Yacht Club there. He also came up with several stripers in the three to nine pound range in the same area. Herb Reynolds tallied half a dozen stripers, ranging from four to 22 lbs., the largest we've heard of this season. He took his in Connecticut Cove. John Santana also came up with some of the first mackerel of the year.

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STAMFORD

Chris reported from Pat's Marina, telling of some mackerel catches around Buoy 32. Flounder are in solid, and blacks should really bust loose any day. Pat will be carrying crabs for the weekend.

ROWAYTON

Bill Valentine advises flounder are on and off in those waters, but mostly on. Several of his rentals hit mackerel at Cable & Anchor Reef. He'll also stock fiddlers for next week.

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NORWALK AGAIN

Almost forgot to report that Bob Utz is out of the hospital and recovering nicely. Rita, at Four Winds, is getting loads of flounder and bass reports, and with the mackerel beginning, she's sure to have her hands full.

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BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri of Bob's Bait weighed in a 2¼ lb. flat taken at Penfield Reef by Andy Warren. He also advised that there are mackerel at the dumping grounds off of Southport. First reports of bass are beginning to filter in. The spot? St. Mary's By The Sea.

At the Sportsmans Den, Steve Kovass reports flats and mackerel in abundance in Bridgeport waters, and some rumors of cod at Middleground. There's some deep holes out there.

Ted at Marine Sport Center in Black Rock had just had several excited customers in when I called. The bass made a good run on St. Mary's and everybody connected. Mackerel showed off Southport Harbor on Thursday afternoon.

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NEW HAVEN

Frank was minding the store at Outdoor Sports and had his hands full. Mackerel had showed at the end of Woodmont wall, and averaged a pound and a half to two pounds. Bass are small, but cooperating, and blacks are in good in this area, the largest so far weighing in at 6½ lbs. Walt and Frank will have green crabs for the weekend.

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PARTY BOATS

Ed Brower, skipper of the "Dolphin" out of Bridgeport, reports excellent flounder fishing at mid-week, both on the other side and off Milford. A few blacks are starting to hit, and he's all set for some mackerel this weekend.

"Delmar" skipper, John Minnitti, out of Greenwich, is coming in with mixed bags. Mackerel hit solid around mid-week, with all aboard loading up, and there were enough blacks and flounders around to make the day complete.

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Connecticut Scene

ROWAYTON

I checked in with Bert Van Sciver at the Bait Shop, and picked up my new Boston Whaler. I was just in time to hear of some fabulous bass fishing at Holly Pond at the Darien-Stamford line. Anglers stood shoulder to shoulder catching fish, and releasing all the small ones.

The minimum LEGAL LENGTH FOR STRIPERS IS 16 INCHES. THROW BACK THE SHORTS. He may just break a record for you years from now.

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Burt Silverman and Mark McCurdy, of Port Jefferson, pose here with 21 flounders up to 2½ lbs. which they caught off Shelter Island. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

This photo shows Charles Schoonmaker, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., with his 42 lb. cod, caught aboard the "Peconic Queen" at Montauk Point.

Jonathan Bass, 8, of Syosset, showing his catch, caught during snow flurries from a dinghy in the Oyster Bay Boat Basin. All were caught with sandworms.

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TIDES: SOUTH SHORE
SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	6:52	7:16
Sat.	7:44	8:04
Sun.	8:34	8:53
Mon.	9:26	9:43
Tues.	10:19	10:36
Wed.	11:16	11:29
Thur.	12:13	
	1:11	1:21

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	10:18	10:36
Sat.	11:13	11:27
Sun.	12:09	12:20
Mon.	12:20	1:02
Tues.	1:11	1:57
Wed.	2:07	2:57
Thur.	3:08	4:01
	4:17	5:12

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

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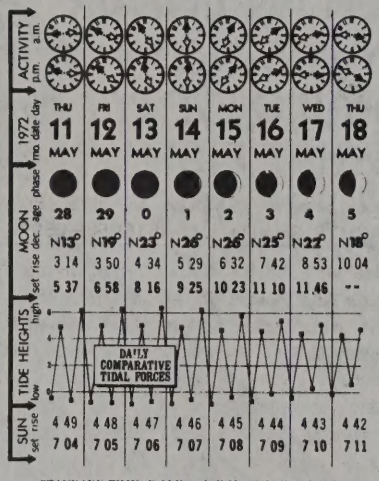


STANDARD TIME: Bold Face is P.M. - Light Face is A.M.

The Moon in May

Farthest South -May 1, 10:00 p.m.
Last Quarter-May 6, 7:26 a.m.
Moon on the Equator-May 8, 8:00 p.m.
Moon in Perigee-May 12, 11:59 a.m.
New Moon-May 12, 11:08 p.m.
Farthest North -May 14, 8:00 p.m.
First Quarter-May 19, 8:16 p.m.
Moon on the Equator-May 21, 2:00 p.m.
Moon in Apogee-May 25, 10:00 a.m.
Full Moon-May 27, 11:28 p.m.
Farthest South -May 29, 3:00 a.m.

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

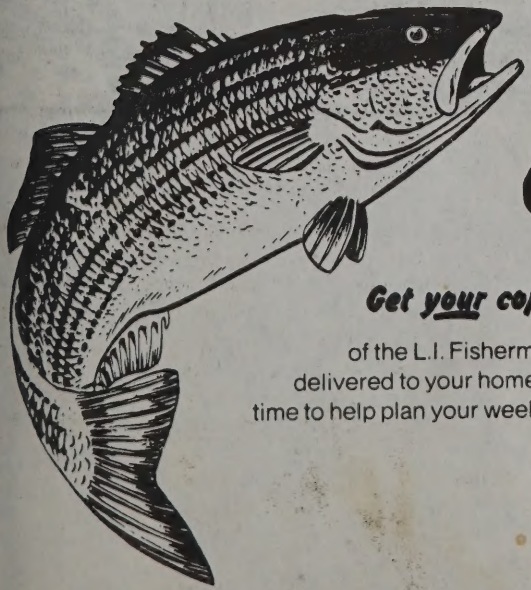
DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	10:21	10:37
Fri.	11:12	11:28
Sat.	12:03	12:17
Sun.	12:54	
Mon.	1:10	1:49
Tues.	2:02	2:40
Wed.	2:59	3:37
Thur.	3:57	4:35

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	8:19	8:39
Fri.	9:11	9:28
Sat.	10:04	10:17
Sun.	10:55	11:09
Mon.	11:49	12:04
Tues.	12:47	
Wed.	1:01	1:46
Thur.	2:01	2:50

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13



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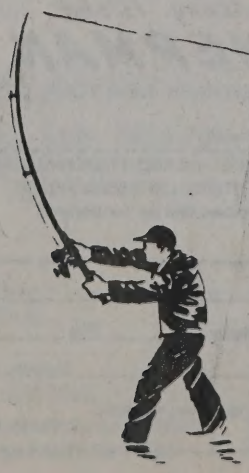

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